(c) The quantity of spices exported and the foreign exchange earned during last three years are given below:—

| Year | Quantity (Tons) | Foreign exchange earned (Million US$) |
|---|---|---|
| 1999-2000 | 236142 | 468.12 |
| 1999-2000 | 230000 | 353.13 |
| 2000-2001 * | 245000 | 341.60 |

*Provisional Source:
Spices Board

(d) For increasing production and productivity of agriculture products including spices, a Centrallly Sponsored Scheme on "Macro Management in Agriculture — Supplementing/Complementing the State Efforts through Work Plans" is being implemented. This includes programmes/schemes for development of spices like production and distribution of quality planting material; area expansion; pest and disease management; establishment of field demonstration plots; minikits distribution; upgrading technical know-how; demonstration-cum-progeny gardens; technical development & application.

In order in increase production of Cardamom (Small and Large) specifically, Government through Spices Board implements a number of programmes which include production and supply of quality planting material; replanting of senile and uneconomic gardens; irrigation and land development; construction of drying yards.

**Declaration of SEZs as sea ports**

1878. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to encourage trade from Special Economic Zones Government has decided to declare all such zones as sea ports;

(b) if so, the names and places of such zones; and

(c) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) It has been decided to notify specified area within the existing Special Economic Zones located at Kandla and Surat (Gujarat), Santa Cruz, Mumbai (Maharashtra), Noida (Uttar Pradesh), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Cochin (Kerala), Falta (West Bengal) and

Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) as Inland Container Depot or Container Freight Station. This would, simplify the procedure for import and export in Special Economic Zones.

**Impact of campaign on HIV**

1879. SHRI R.R GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study about the impact of its campaign on the spread of HIV;

(b) whether the campaign has resulted in safer behaviour;

(c) the results of intervention programmes among sex workers; and

(d) whether the HIV epidemic would come under control in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A nationwide baseline Behavioural Surveillance Survey was conducted by the National AIDS Control Organisation in the year 2001 and 2002 among general population and high risk group in the age group 15-49 years. The study revealed that 71.2% of the respondents stated that HIV/AIDS can be prevented by sexual abstinence and 57% stated that HIV/AIDS can be prevented by having one faithful uninfected sexual partner. The study also revealed that 32.4% of respondents reported consistent condom use, with their non-regular sex partners in the last 12 months.

The study also revealed that 93.5% of sex workers had heard of HIV/AIDS and 82.7% were aware about protection from HIV/AIDS through consistent condom use. 76% of the sex workers reported condom use during the last sexual encounter with their paying clients.

(d) The National AIDS Control Organisation has been conducting nationwide sentinel surveillance every year since 1998 to track the trends of HIV spread in the country. The data obtained from the sentinel, surveillance is also used for estimation of the total number of HIV infections. The estimated number of HIV infections was 3.5 million in the year 1998, 3.71 million in 1999, 3.86 million in 2000 and 3.97 million in 2001 .These estimates indicate that there is no upsurge in the spread of HIV infection in the country.